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1. The Targu-Mures Sugar Factory, now called Bernat Andrei, was originally privately owned and was equipped with up-to-date machinery. It was nationalized in 1948. The factory is located on the River Mures in the vicinity of Targu-Mures. Total production in 1950 was 17,000 tons of sugar. In 1951, this was increased to 30,000 tons. During the main season, from October to February, 2,500 to 3,000 workers are employed. They work in three shifts. The factory has its own power station. Sugar is supplied to various depots in accordance with orders from the Ministry of Food Industries.
2. Workers receive a monthly sugar ration of 750 grams. Before stabilization, the price of the ration was 58 lei per kg.; after stabilization, it became 2.89 lei. The official price of non-rationed sugar was 200 lei per kg. before stabilization. After stabilization, it was lowered to 9 lei per kilogram.
3. The sugar beet harvest was poor in 1950, with the result that sugar had to be imported from Czechoslovakia. In December 1951, though the harvest had been extraordinarily good, no sugar was distributed to the population. It is believed that large quantities were exported to the USSR.

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